

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Adulteration of Food Items

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that harmful chemicals/pesticides/insecticides/toxins have reportedly been found in high doses beyond the permitted Maximum Residue Level (MRL) in vegetables, fruits, spices, meat, milk and other food items across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the number of incidences of food adulteration reported, samples tested, inspection/raids conducted, cases registered, food items found unfit for human consumption and convictions made during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government has conducted any study/research in this regard, if so, the details and findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure MRL within the permissible limit in such food items across the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a): The Government is aware of reports appearing in the media regarding higher presence of chemicals, pesticides, insecticides, toxins in some food items.

(b): Based on information made available to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India by the States/UTs, the details of food sample collected, tested, samples found adulterated/misbranded and action taken during 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15, are at Annexure-I, II and III respectively.

(c): Enforcement of Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act, 2006 and regulations thereunder primarily rests with State/UT Governments and accordingly, regular surveillance, monitoring and sampling of food products are undertaken by the State/UT Governments.

(d): A Surveillance Plan for States has been prepared by a Working Group of Food Safety Commissioners taking into account various parameters including consumption pattern for cultural/festival occasions. The State are at liberty to modify it as per local requirement and take action accordingly to prevent food adulteration. FSSAI has also requested Commissioners of Food Safety of all States and UTs to undertake periodical inspection and monitoring of major fruit and vegetable markets, soft drinks and ready to serve beverages to check the use of pesticides in food items.

Annexure-I

Annual Laboratory Testing Report in STATES/UTs for the year 2012-13

Sr. No. Name of the State/U.T. No. of Samples Analysed No. of Samples found adulterated and Misbranded No. of Cases Launched

Criminal/ Civil No. of Conviction/ Penalties

1 Andhra Pradesh 1511 429 286 Rs. 55,000

2 A & N Islands 133 16 0 0

3 Arunachal Pradesh 198 11 11 2/Rs. 3,100

4 Assam 306 58 31 16/Rs. 2,45,000

5 Bihar 1407 371 249 0

6 Chandigarh 183 16 7 0

7 Chhattisgarh 353 142 111 45/ Rs. 11,84,000

Dadra & N.H. - - - 0

9 Daman & Diu (Gujarat) 44 4 - 2

10 Delhi 1383 145 50 62

11 Goa 610 31 14 1/Rs. 20,000

12 Gujarat 11047 881 46 7/Rs. 97,500

13 Haryana 1562 255 131 0

14 Himachal Pradesh 274 44 53 24

15 Jammu & Kashmir 2224 610 488 288/Rs. 28,52,050

16 Jharkhand --- 0
 17 Karnataka 3118 172 29 85
 18 Kerala 12 3 0 Rs. 1,63,280
 19 Lakshadweep ----
 20 Madhya Pradesh 8101 2043 1183 844
 21 Maharashtra 7800 757 114 228/Rs. 82,99,485
 22 Manipur 165 2 - 0
 23 Meghalaya 14 1 --
 24 Mizoram ----
 25 Nagaland NA 0 0 0
 26 Orissa 1871 418 0 0
 27 Puducherry ----
 28 Punjab 4782 553 304 92
 29 Rajasthan 10236 186 - 295
 30 Sikkim ---
 31 Tamil Nadu 474 78 48 2
 32 Tripura ----
 33 Uttar Pradesh 11086 2927 2551 1010/Rs. 3,70,96,600
 34 Uttarakhand 964 186 134 55/Rs. 22,44,001
 35 West Bengal 91 41 --
 Total: 69949 10380 5840 3175/
 Rs. 5,24,95,016

Source- States/UTs

Annexure-II

Annual Public Laboratory Testing Report (2013-2014)

Sr. No.	Name of the State/U.T.	Total No. of samples taken	No. of Samples Analysed	No. of Samples found adulterated and Misbranded	No. of Cases Launched	No. of Convictions/ Penalties	Criminal Civil Convictions Penalties/ Amount raised in Rupees
1.	A & N Islands	1 1	Nil Nil Nil	18/	Rs. 14,500		
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4038 4038	716 417	200	Rs. 39,94,385		
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	213 213	9 1 8	9/Rs. 6,33,000			
4.	Assam	435 435	53 26	Nil Nil			
5.	Bihar	1189 1103	121 19	71 Nil 14/	Rs. 2,26,000		
6.	Chandigarh	146 146	9 5 6	Nil 3			
7.	Chhattisgarh	294 294	112 56	Nil 7/	Rs. 3,49,000		
8.	Dadra & N.H.	6 6 3	Nil 3 3/	Rs. 35,000 Nil			
9.	Daman & Diu	40 40	0 0 0 0 0				
10.	Delhi	1187 1187	118 69	NA	Rs. 15,73,000		
11.	Goa	704 696	37 6 7 2	Rs. 27,000			
12.	Gujarat	11111 10495	900 56 341	16 12/	Rs. 1,90,000		
13.	Haryana	2101 2101	293 37 223 37	129/	Rs.26,61,800		
14.	Himachal Pradesh	236 157	129 1 22 0	7/	Rs 7,00,000		
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	3109 2851	682 15 526 353	Rs. 2,76,600			
16.	Jharkhand	1075 725	144 99 8	Rs 22,07,000			
17.	Karnataka	2224 2153	133 59 3 72				
18.	Kerala	682 664	138 104 0 0	810/			
				Rs. 55,35,000			
19.	Lakshadweep						
20.	Madhya Pradesh	4743 4599	1433 233 603 3	133/			
				Rs. 29,32,000			
21.	Maharashtra	7677 7516	1523 1172 1385 49	17/Rs. 41,76,500			
22.	Manipur						
23.	Meghalaya	17 14 7 6					
24.	Mizoram	No lab					
25.	Nagaland	66 66 21 0 0 0 0					
26.	Orissa						
27.	Puducherry	4741 4741	319				
28.	Punjab	6227 5884	771 203 3 77				
29.	Rajasthan	6375 6375	1160 436 112/	Rs.15,50,000			
30.	Sikkim						
31.	Tamil Nadu	707 658	261 8 40 16	Rs. 6,59,800			
32.	Tripura						
33.	Uttar Pradesh	11579 13554	4275 2930 409 1510/				
				Rs.4,47,84, 400			
34.	Uttarakhand	1503 851	169 5 117	Rs. 5,06,489			
35.	West Bengal						
	Total:	72,994 72,200	13,571 3105 7130 913	2932/			

Rs. 7,29,89,474
Source:- State/UT Governments

Annexure-III
Annual Public Laboratory Testing Report for the year 2014-2015

Sr. No.	Name of the State/ U.T.	Total No. of samples taken	No. of Samples Analysed	No. of Samples found adulterated and Misbranded	No. of Cases Launched	No. of Convictions/ Penalties	Criminal Civil Convictions Penalties/ Amount raised in Rupees
1.	A & N Islands	17 16 4 0 0 0	14/	Rs.4,55,000			
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2788 2788 290 338 78 0	Rs.51,63,020				
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	292 258 29 2 14 7					
4.	Assam	595 595 74 28 32 8	Rs. 70,000				
5.	Bihar	1763 1320 7 16 5/	Rs. 38,000				
6.	Chandigarh	102 102 5 5	Rs. 1,50,000				
7.	Chhattisgarh	133 133 27 14 41 16					
8.	Dadra & N.H	9 2	Samples are analysed by Gujarat State Laboratory				
9.	Daman & Diu	65 65 3 3 3/	Rs.30,000				
10.	Delhi	1480 148					
11.	Goa	798 800 81 1 4 4(12)	Rs. 4,35,000				
12.	Gujarat	11981 11700 1243 37 465 30 178/	Rs.56,13,500				
13.	Haryana*	989 989 105 08 114 6	Rs.1,500				
14.	Himachal Pradesh	796 725 461 34 42 18	Rs.8,88,500				
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	2592 2462 621 17 401 243	Rs.19,76,600				
16.	Jharkhand	716 509 112 41 24					
17.	Karnataka	2154 2110 311 56 42					
18.	Kerala	3085 2735 464 41 161 0 280/	Rs.72,39,700				
19.	Lakshadweep						
20.	Madhya Pradesh	9532 9131 1412 127 716 418 418/	Rs.43,28,000				
21.	Maharashtra	8663 6985 1162 869 1426 75	Rs.1,65,41,499				
22.	Manipur						
23.	Meghalaya	47 34 4 0 4 2 1/	Rs.10,000				
24.	Mizoram						
25.	Nagaland	83 83 11 0 0 0 0					
26.	Odisha	544 544 112 0 1 1					
27.	Puducherry	1946 1946 39 0 0 0 0					
28.	Punjab	8053 7860 1458 846 82					
29.	Rajasthan*	3132 3031 747 158 222 116	Rs. 8,45,500				
30.	Sikkim						
31.	Tamil Nadu	2939 2873 1047 64 486 203	Rs.34,99,700				
32.	Telangana	363 312 32 4 24 11 10/	Rs.17,57,100				
33.	Tripura	933 933 2 0 0 0 0					
34.	Uttar Pradesh	14173 9605 4119 161 3489 186 1738/	Rs.5,98,08,106				
35.	Uttarakhand	1971 1356 233 5 117 0 80/	Rs.5,06,489				
36.	West Bengal	120 120 65 0 17 0 1/	Rs. 30,000				
Total:							83265 74010 14599 2676 7860 1402 2795/ Rs.10,93,87,214

Source:- State/UT Governments

Note: Annual Report not received; Data for the same has been compiled on the basis of half Yearly reports.